

# The Independent

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31 1897.

## MARKET REPORT.

Butter.....	16c
Eggs.....	16c
Chickens.....	5c
Lard.....	5c
Potatoes.....	50c
Flour per cwt.....	2.40 to 2.60
Corn meal.....	1.00
Hogs per hd.....	4.00
Cattle.....	4.25
Wheat.....	85c
Rye.....	40c
Corn.....	25c
Oats.....	15c
Clover seed.....	3.60
Timothy seed.....	3.00
Mill seed.....	1.00
Timothy hay per ton.....	4.00 to 5.00
Clover hay per ton.....	6.00
Marsh hay per ton.....	4.00 to 5.00
Straw per load.....	2 0

From Tuesday's Daily.

Bert Marble and wife are visiting in Chicago.

The basket factory will resume operations next Monday.

Read the new Phoenix ad in tomorrow's Independent.

Americus lodge No. 91 L.O.O.F. will elect officers Thursday night.

We don't hear of any more cases of scarlet fever in Plymouth.

Now how about that new leaf which you are thinking of turning over?

Miss Ruth English, of Wabash, is visiting her many friends in Plymouth.

The guild met at the residence of Mrs. Bert Reeve last night on South Michigan street.

County Supt. Marks went to Indianapolis this morning to meet with the county superintendents of the state.

The skating is exceedingly good above the dam and the young folks are enjoying this healthy exercise.

Peter Hank arrived in Plymouth this morning from Koutz to visit with friends.

It is now predicted that the month of March will be the most severe and disagreeable one in the year.

Warren Collins returned to Marion this morning where he is employed in a bicycle factory.

Charles Hiss, of West township, left this morning for South Bend for a short visit with friends.

There are no complaints heard from Plymouth merchants as to their holiday trade. They did a good business.

James Smith and Sam Brick returned to Pullman, Ill., yesterday to resume their positions in the Pullman shops.

Miss Della Oglesbee and her brother Walter are visiting in Indianapolis this week.

The factories in Plymouth resumed operation yesterday, after a Christmas holiday.

The frost is not on the pumpkin this time, but on the orange, and the California orange at that.

There is a law firm in Logansport which consists of father, son and grandson. The family name is Ross.

Mrs. Soneborn and daughter who have been the guests of W. H. Love and wife for the past few days returned to their home in Laporte this morning.

For hot water bottles go to the Peoples drug store. The line of perfumeries found at the People's drug store is unsurpassed in Plymouth. The purest drugs, and the most reasonable prices at the People's drug store.

Jesse Altman of Marion spent Christmas in Plymouth with his parents. Since Jesse has went to Marion he has become a full pledged K of P.

Country school houses seem to be the attraction for tramps and many of them look for those places after school has been dismissed for the day.

Miss Maleta Districts, of Rolling Stone, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hiss, of West township. She will be in the county the rest of the winter.

Trustee McCrory and son left for Indianapolis this morning over the Vandalia. A meeting of the township trustees of the state convenes in that city this week.

The cracker and biscuit trust has just advanced prices on certain brands of its product 30 per cent. And there's a law against trusts in Indiana.

"The numbers by Mr. White and Miss Maxwell proved them to be skilled musicians."—Rockville Tribune.

The general admission to the Maxwell, White musical entertainment will be 20 cents, reserved seats 30 cents at the opera house New Years evening.

Some heartless wretch over in South Bend has it in for the dogs of that town. He has poisoned eight in one night.

The P. V. club of this city went to Inwood last night and called on friends. They report a splendid time.

There could not possibly be any improvement on the splendid winter weather we are now enjoying. The sleighing is perfect and the temperature for out door work is healthy.

Kodak clubs are being formed in many towns throughout the state. Plymouth will not be behind the times when it comes to clubs, and it will only be a short time until one will be formed in this city.

We are in receipt of a copy of the St. Petersburg Times, Fla., sent us by H. B. Railsback, who is sojourning in that beautiful state.

The snow has been scraped from the ice on Pretty lake and cutting will soon begin and hauled for summer use. It is said that the ice is about six inches thick.

Lake county has no contracts on her hands, owes no bridge bills, or bonds, which the commissioners feel proud over, the people appreciate that their homes have no clouds hanging over them.

A Bristol women put a stick of wood in the stove and an explosion followed. The wood is supposed to have been charged with gun powder. This happened to be a case of something worse than a nigger in the woodpile.

Numerous sleigh riding parties were out last night. Most of them headed for the country and called on their friends. The night was lovely for out door sport and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells could be heard all night long.

Last Sunday morning Charlie Hiss of West township brought a nice dressed turkey to Plymouth for Mr. Ball and left it in his buggy near the court house during the services in the Catholic church but when he returned to his buggy, the turkey, basket and all were gone. Please bring back the basket.

The clerks in the New York store presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kloefer a beautiful silk plush laprobe, on Christmas eve. It is indeed a beauty and is greatly prized by Mr. and Mrs. Kloefer, and to the donors they will always cherish a kind remembrance.

The Versailles News says Miss Maxwell's violin solos were listened to with rapt attention. Miss Maxwell is an artist and her playing denoted great talent and high culture, and she won the entire audience with the sweet strains which she drew from her instrument.

One of the neatest callenders for the year 1898 received at this office is the one presented by our esteemed contemporary, The Evening News. The outer edge contains the various months of the year and in the center is a handsome picture of Editor Oglesbee's little boy.

Orth Stien, formerly of Lafayette, whose escapades in California, Florida and at his old home are familiar to the general public, has challenged a Georgia colonel to a duel to the death. There is little fear that blood will be spilt. If he is true to his record Stien will not remain out of jail long enough to reach "the field of honor."

There isn't any doubt that when spring opens you will witness the departure of two or three gentlemen who will head for the Klondike country. They are not saying much on the subject at present but they have fully made up their minds and ere the blue birds come again they will be many miles from Marshall county soil heading for the great gold nugget country.

It was quite a Christmas in Indiana. Our people usually observe the day in the old fashioned way and more especially since times were hard. That is some people say the times are hard, but the Independent has no complaint to register.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Terry entertained to dinner yesterday in honor of Mrs. F. M. Orr of Plymouth. Their elegant little cottage on South main street was beautifully decorated in holly and mistletoe and the dinner was of the most superb order. The guests fully enjoyed and appreciated the generous hospitality.—Rochester Republican.

It is reported that quail are dying by the thousands in Hamilton county. It is stated that the snow has covered the earth and that the birds are starving to death. If the sportsmen of Noblesville would invite about 15 of Plymouth's crack shots to come down there would be more dead birds in Hamilton county in one day than was ever known before.

Two or three years ago the City Council of Mankato passed an ordinance under the nuisance law, fining every person who might be proved guilty of whistling or singing "After the Ball is Over" between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. within the municipal limits in the sum of 50 cents for each and every offense. The ordinance worked like a charm, and effectually suppressed the warbling of that soul racking ditty. Now Mankato proposes in like way to abolish that musical abortion known as "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Christmas night was chosen as a fitting occasion to celebrate the pleasant time enjoyed by the clerks of J. U. Heiniger's notion store, accompanied by Misses Dolly Rosenberry, Beatie Reeves, Mrs. Botset, Messrs Frank Wilson, Percy Bailey and Bert Cleveland. They wended their way, keeping time with the music of the sleigh bells, to the home of Miss May Wiseman, three and one half miles southwest of Plymouth. They were entertained by original gems and music by the company. The oysters generously furnished by the young men were heartily enjoyed by all. The hour of midnight found these jolly young people on their way home.

If we get picked up on a "Take" item of news, we will frankly acknowledge "the cork." But when we place all our reliance in a statement made by a citizen, and afterwards find out that he is a wilfully lied, that is different. We are picked up yesterday in this way but we will not be caught again in this trap. There is nothing to be gained by making false statements, which in a few short hours will show up on the surface. The truth is mighty and will prevail.

Mr. Kloefer, the merchant prince of Plymouth, accompanied by Mr. Dibble went to Walkerton yesterday with a line of cloaks, and met with great success. Thirty three cloaks were disposed of. Mr. Kloefer returned home last evening and Mr. Dibble remained to continue the sales. This goes to prove that when it comes to pleasing the public with a fine line of cloaks, that Kloefer is the man to see.

Wanted: Six or eight maple logs. Will pay 4 cents per foot for logs from 8 to 12 inches in diameter and \$11 per thousand for logs over 12 inches in diameter. All to be cut in multiples of 4 ft 6 in long. Above prices, delivered at factory. Indiana Novelty Mfg. company.

## AN IDEAL SPELLING COURSE.

To Make the Small Boy Learn His Lesson.

First, as to oral and written, column and sentence spelling, I shall say only this, that the wise teacher will acquaint himself with as many methods and devices as possible and change from one to the other, in order to relieve the tedium and to meet the needs of individual children, says the Forum. Before all, she will beware of running off at a tangent with any particular method, because none yet discovered has proven a panacea. Second, under no circumstances should more than fifteen minutes daily be devoted to the subject. Whatever benefit the pupils receive from any instruction in spelling will be obtained within this period. Third, I would recommend that the words be carefully graded, not only in regard to orthographical difficulties, but in accordance with the vocabulary of the child as well. In this way the course of spelling might become as systematic as in other subjects. Fourth, precedence should be given to common words, while technical and unusual words should be taught incidentally. By excluding words of the latter classes the course would be materially abridged and the chances of producing good practical spellers proportionately increased. Fifth, the course should be further abridged by excluding words that contain no catch—i. e., which naturally spell themselves. My researches on this point would indicate that more than half the common words belong to this category and, consequently, need not be studied. The ideal ground to be covered in spelling would be represented, therefore, by a carefully graded list of the common words most liable to be misspelled. The number of words in this list, according to my estimate, would be between 6,000 and 7,000.

Stamps with a Fancy Value.

Stamp collectors have invented the term "speculative" to deal with the special issue of stamps which are produced to mark certain occasions, and which are a source of revenue to the government which owns them, for they, of course, must be bought by everyone who desires his collection to be complete. In order to put a stop to these speculative stamps a society has actually been formed, but whether it will have any success in fulfilling the object of its existence is a question which time may answer in the affirmative, but which, it would be safer to assume, will only be replied to in the negative. Into this category of speculative stamps will, of course, come the Prince of Wales' jubilee hospital stamp and the jubilee issues of the Canadian stamps which give the portraits of the queen in 1837 and 1897, and those of Newfoundland with pictures of Sebastian Cabot, his ship, the place where he landed, and so on. The Canadian government has issued only 25,000 sets of its stamps, ranging in value from half a cent (a farthing) to five dollars (\$5), and which, except in the case of the three lowest values, are sold only in sets. The American philatelists, at all events, have condemned the idea, no doubt basing their view on the fact that four years ago the United States government issued centenary stamps to mark the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the United States, and those desirous of possessing complete sets of these stamps had to put up a goodly sum of money, as the denominations ran into comparatively large figures.

On Time.

The American boy is not the only one it appears who sometimes has the sagacity to apply for a situation just in the nick of time. A London paper tells of a small boy who dashed breathlessly into a merchant's office and demanded: "Is the gov'nor in?" "Yes, what do you want?" "Must see him myself. Most pertickler." "But you can't see him." "Must, really—immedjit. I tell you I'm most pertickler." The boy's impetuosity at last won him his admission. "Well, boy, what is it you want?" asked the merchant, with some anxiety. "Do you want a office boy, sir?" "You impudent young rascal! We've got one." "Beg pardon, you ain't, sir." "What do you mean?" "Your boy's just been run over in Cheapside, sir, and won't never work for you no more. The applicant was engaged."

## \$10 A WEEK FOR EIGHT.

Feeding a Family at a Cost of 18 Cents a Day for Each Person.

In the Ladies' Home Journal Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells how a family of eight persons can be fed—and well fed—at the aggregate cost of \$10 a week. "To carry out the scheme," she says, "articles must be purchased economically and no waste permitted. A table which is supplied for a family of eight for \$10 a week must, of necessity, be plain, but it may, at the same time, not lack for variety or wholesomeness. Sweetmeats and rich desserts must be counted only as occasional luxuries and 'company' dishes must be omitted altogether. Meat, the most expensive food item, may be purchased in a much larger quantity than is needed for a single meal and utilized French fashion. The poor and middle class of this country must learn more about the food value of the legumens, more about the proper preparation of food and last, but not least, more about the proper combinations of food. Avoid the buying of steaks, roasts and chops each week. It is an expensive household indeed which has no repertoire of cheap dishes. A beef's heart or a braised calf's liver makes an excellent and economical change. Broiled sheep's kidneys, with a little bacon, give a good breakfast, at a cost of 10 cents. Smothered beef, which may be made from the tough end of the rump steak, is appetizing and only costs half the price of an equal food value of tenderloin steak. The housekeeper should go to market early and buy only the best materials. They keep longer and go further than the inferior ones. Perishable food should be bought in small quantities two or three times a week. Groceries enough to last a month should be laid in. Canned goods and preserved sweets should be bought sparingly. Meat is always a most expensive article and not a particle of it should be allowed to go to waste."

## CHANGING A CLIMATE.

Engineer Proposes to Alter Temperature of Vladivostok.

It is not impossible that by a simple feat of engineering the climate of Vladivostok may be so changed that the port will not be closed by ice in the winter, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The intense cold of the region, which is in the latitude of New York, Spain and southern Italy, is measurably due to the arctic current from the sea of Okhotsk, which runs through the strait of Tartary into the sea of Japan, keeping along the Siberian and Chinese shores. But for this current Vladivostok would have at least as mild a winter climate as Hakodate, the opposite point in Japan, for then the warm flood from Tsushima straits and the Japanese gulf stream would bathe its shores. The proposition is to check the arctic stream at that point in the strait of Tartary, where the distance from the mainland to Sakhalien island is only about nine miles. A Russian engineer has proposed to do the work for \$200,000,000, probably by means of a jetty, the stone and labor to construct which are both available and cheap. It is said that the czar's government is not unfavorably impressed with the idea and has looked into it. The success of this stupendous enterprise would be of much climatic advantage to Korea, as well as to the Siberian pan-handle, making that country even more desirable than it now is to a European power, but the result to eastern Japan does not promise so well. To divert the southbound Okhotsk current from its present channel is to risk sending it over to the other side of the Japanese group and down the shore between the mainland and the gulf stream, in which event a large part of Da Nippon might soon cease to have any association with peach buds and chrysanthemums and take up with ice cubes.

## True Marriage.

What marriage may be in the case of two persons of cultivated faculties, identical in opinions and purposes, between whom exists that best kind of equality, similarity of powers and capacities with reciprocal superiority in them, so that each can enjoy the pleasure of looking up to the other and can have alternately the pleasure of leading and of being led in the path of development, I will not attempt to describe—to those who can conceive it there is no need, to those who cannot it would appear the dream of an enthusiast. But I maintain, with the profoundest conviction, that this and this only is the ideal of marriage, and that all opinions, customs and institutions which favor any other notion of it or turn the conceptions or aspirations connected with it into any other direction, by whatever pretences they may be colored, are relics of primitive barbarism. The moral regeneration of mankind will only really commence when the most fundamental of social relations is placed under the rule of equal justice, and when human beings learn to cultivate their strongest sympathy with an equal in rights and cultivation.—John Stuart Mill.

Probably a Base Slander.

They are telling of Boston that a woman resident of that center of culture has a complete breakfast service of cups, saucers and plates for her large family, on which are given, from photographs, the likenesses of the members, so that the servants can properly place the china to be used.—Exchange.

United States French.

"Julius, do you think people will understand our French if we go to Paris in 1900?" "Of course; there will be lots of other Americans there."—Detroit Free Press.

## Holiday Goods

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